

We support the First Amendment and build understanding of its core freedoms through education, information and entertainment. The center serves as a forum for the study and exploration of free-expression issues, including freedom of speech, of the press and of religion, and the rights to assemble and to petition the government. The First Amendment Center, with offices at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and in Washington, D.C., is an operating program of the Freedom Forum and is associated with the Newseum and the Diversity Institute. Its offices on the Vanderbilt campus are located in the John Seigenthaler Center, and in Washington, at the Newseum.

FIRST AMENDMENT CENTER

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Programs and contacts

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Fast, authoritative information on issues, laws, legislation



The **First Amendment Center Online** offers one-stop access to information about the First Amendment. Useful for students, journalists, lawyers, policy makers, educators and the public, it's the Web site of first choice for anyone who needs research information, has a question, or wants daily news, analysis, commentary, overviews, trends and case law about a wide array of

First Amendment topics. Plus, **The First Amendment Library**: the only comprehensive online compilation of all First Amendment Supreme Court cases.

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Media interviews

Commentary and analysis on First Amendment issues

Nationally recognized experts — including President Ken Paulson, Executive Director Gene Policinski, scholars Charles Haynes and David Hudson, and a legal-research team headed by Tiffany Villager — are available for interviews and programs.



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State of the First Amendment

Periodic surveys of American attitudes on freedom

State of the First Amendment surveys remind Americans of the fragility of First Amendment freedoms and reinforce the idea that the First Amendment — as the cornerstone of American democracy — must be protected. Reports and commentary on all State of the First Amendment surveys are available online at firstamendmentcenter.org.

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The First Amendment Center was founded by John Seigenthaler on Dec. 15, 1991, the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution. It has offices at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and in Washington, D.C. The center is nonpartisan and does not lobby or litigate.

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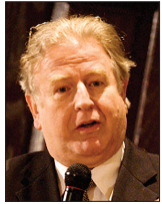
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- Religious liberty
- Education programs

► 'Inside the First Amendment'

Insightful, timely columns

"Inside the First Amendment" is a weekly column that tackles difficult topics head-on — offering thoughtful and thought-provoking commentary about matters ranging from religion in public schools to free-speech issues involving art and music to



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press censorship and U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The column is written by First Amendment scholar and author Charles Haynes and First Amendment Center Vice President/Executive Director Gene Policinski. "Inside the First Amendment" is available without charge on the Web or by e-mail from the First Amendment Center.



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► First Amendment education programs

As a major supporter of the **1 for All** campaign's education initiatives, the center provides teacher resources and lesson plans, consensus guidelines and conflict mediation to promote public support for First Amendment principles. The center's religious-freedom programs educate Americans about the history, meaning and significance of the First Amendment's religious-liberty clauses. The programs help Americans find common ground across religious differences using the guiding principles of religious freedom.

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► The Interactive First Amendment

An engaging, entertaining and informative presentation by John Seigenthaler and Ken Paulson. Using a fast-paced quiz and revelatory stories, they challenge audiences to look at the First Amendment in a new way.



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► Moot Court Competition

The First Amendment is the focus of the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition. Recognized as one of the nation's finest constitutional law competitions, this annual event features a current First Amendment controversy.

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► National FOI Day

Annual program of presentations and discussion by specialists in various aspects of freedom of information, updating developments in FOI over the preceding year.

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► Justice & Journalism

An ongoing series of discussions between judges and journalists on access and news-media accountability, begun in 1999.

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► First Reports

In-depth analyses

First Reports are a series of in-depth analyses by experts on current First Amendment issues, available at firstamendmentcenter.org.

Titles available:

- *Implementing a Flag-Desecration Amendment to the U.S. Constitution*
- *The FCC's Regulation of Indecency*
- *Government Secrecy vs. Freedom of the Press*
- *Student Expression in the Age of Columbine*
- *The Privacy Problem*

Other publications available through firstamendmentcenter.org cover a range of speech, press and religious-freedom topics.

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► Freedom Sings™

Multimedia experience that blends music and freedom

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The Freedom Sings band performs.

hit songwriters, engaging performers and Grammy Award winners. This celebration of the power, passion and poetry of music has featured a wide range of artists, including Judy Collins, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Steve Earle, Felix Cavaliere of the Rascals, John Kay of Steppenwolf, Mark Volman of the Turtles, Dobie Gray and many more. A new edition of Freedom Sings called "Fight the Power: The Music That Changed America" recently made its debut.

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